

40759 Pte. A. Perks, 15th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R. (Lincoln).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty E. of Ypres on 28th September, 1918. Whilst an enemy machine gun was being engaged from the front, he crept round the flank and killed the two gunners. After this he found five more of the team in a dug-out, and as they showed fight, he attacked them singlehanded by bombing, killing or wounding all five.

15834 Sjt. F. Perry, 2nd Bn., R. Dub. Fus. (Pewsey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty S.E. of Le Cateau on the 17th-18th October, 1918. When all the officers of the company became casualties, he took charge, and in spite of heavy losses he showed the greatest coolness and initiative in leading his company to their final objective. It was owing to his leadership that the company succeeded in taking over sixty prisoners and several machine guns.

17/696 C./S./M. P. Pickard, 10th Bn., W. York. R. (Leeds).

On the night of the 10th/11th October, 1918, he showed conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of a platoon, and led them over the river on the right of the village of Neuville. Also on the night 11th October he took a patrol and got in position on the right of the village after one patrol had failed to reach it. The position being taken, he volunteered to go back to battalion headquarters for reinforcements, which he did, bringing them along with him.

550623 C./S./M. J. E. Plumridge, 1/16th Bn., Lond. R. (Fulham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 27th September, 1918, during the attack on Sauchy Cauchy. He was invaluable to his company officer throughout the fighting in co-ordinating the work of the companies. He kept three of the enemy at bay in a house until a platoon came up and finished them off. He did fine work in the village under heavy fire of all descriptions.

10455 Sjt. G. E. Pope, M.M., 1st Bn., Shrop. L.I. (Much Wenlock).

During the attack on the 8th October, 1918, near Montbrechain, he displayed marked gallantry in reducing a strongly-manned enemy position. With two men only he charged the position, killing 10 of the enemy and capturing 80 prisoners, together with eight machine guns and one trench mortar. He did splendid work.

18/826 Sjt. E. C. Powell, 18th Bn., Durh. L.I. (St. Neots).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 28th September, 1918, during the advance on Ploegsteert Wood. While his platoon was preparing for the final thrust in the wood it was strongly counter-attacked. He gathered a handful of men and led a charge which drove the enemy back. Later, when his platoon was suffering from the fire of a machine gun, he worked round alone to the rear and silenced it.

12132 Sjt. R. Pownall, 9th Bn., S. Lan. R. (Golborne). (SALONIKA)

During the attack on the "P" ridge, on September 18th, 1918, this non-commissioned officer showed conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the advance was checked owing to heavy artillery, machine-gun and rifle fire, he again rallied the men of his company, and continued to lead them forward until practically all had become casualties. He did splendid work.

45958 Pte. J. A. Preston, 8th Bn., R. Berks. R. (Wargrave, Berks.).

On the 4th November, 1918, during the attack on Mormal Forest, when the commander of his section became a casualty, he showed fine powers of leadership in leading the section to its objective and consolidating. When a party of the enemy tried to rush his post he dispersed them, showing remarkable coolness in directing the fire of his men.

240756 L./Cpl. R. Price, 1/5th Bn., K.O.S.B., T.F. (Dumfries).

Near Bergstraat, on the 31st October, 1918, he showed conspicuous gallantry in dealing with enemy machine guns. He led his Lewis-gun section with admirable coolness throughout. When the final objective was reached his company was subjected to severe machine-gun fire. On his own initiative he took his section out to a flank, and himself got his gun into action and silenced the enemy fire.

10757 Pte. J. Priestly, 1st Bn., I. Gds. (Clydebank).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 27th September, 1918, during the attack on Flesquieres. With great coolness he helped to direct the company to its objective, going from platoon to platoon under heavy machine-gun fire. He was wounded while carrying a message, but nothing prevented him delivering it, and insisted on returning to his company commander to report, when he fell exhausted.

12443 Sjt. W. H. Punter, 119th By., 27th Bde., R.F.A. (Merton).

For great gallantry and initiative on the 8th October, 1918, near Lesdain. He was acting as No. 1 of his gun, when the battery was heavily shelled. All the men in the detachment of the next gun to his became casualties. He brought this other gun into action again, although he had only one non-commissioned officer and one gunner left in his detachment, and kept it in action throughout the barrage.

183496 Spr. G. W. Quinton, 218th Fld. Coy., R.E. (Hadleigh).

For great courage and devotion to duty near Ors, on the 4th November, 1918, during the preparation of a floating bridge over the Sambre Canal. He worked until the bridge was completed, notwithstanding very heavy machine-gun fire from the bank opposite. Three-quarters of the whole of the sappers engaged on the bridges became casualties.